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SUBJECT: SAVE THE CHILDREN/BANGLADESH FY 2005 CALL
FORWARD OF 1010 MT OF BAGGED, HARD RED WINTER WHEAT;
170 MT OF BAGGED, YELLOW SPLIT PEAS; AND 170 MT OF 4-
LITER CAN VEGETABLE OIL FOR THE FY 2005-2009 TITLE II
DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY PROGRAM.

REF. (A) Save the Children Federation (SCF) Bangladesh

Field Office letter dated March 22, 2005

- (B) SCF AER dated October 19 October, 2004
- (C) Bellmon Determination for FY 2005
- (D) 98 STATE 86836
- (E) 01 STATE 204383

1. The purpose of this cable is to provide Mission concurrence with SCF call forward of 1,010 MT of bagged, Hard Red Winter (HRW) wheat; 170 MT of bagged, yellow split peas; and 170 MT of 4-liter can vegetable oil for arrival in September/October, 2005.

2. This SCF call forward level is 20% of FY 2005 approved level of direct distribution commodities. AER (ref.B).

3. Mission concurs with SCF requested amount of this call forward, 1,010 MT of bagged, HRW wheat; 170 MT of bagged, yellow split peas; and 170 MT of 4-liter can, vegetable oil. These commodities will be used for direct distribution in support of the Maternal, Child Health and Nutrition (MCHN) component of Jibon-O-Jibika program. SCF has provided the Mission with copies of letters from the concerned GOB Ministry concurring with the timing of the call forward. Mission concurrence is provided based on this information and SCF's request. Specifications for the commodities are provided below:

Wheat:

Grade: No. 2 or better, HRW
Minimum Protein Level: 9.5 percent
Maximum Moisture Content: 13.5 percent
Packing: 50 kg bags
Quantity: 1,010 MT

Yellow Split Peas:

Grade/Quality: per USDA standard
Packing: 50 kg bags
Quantity: 170 MT

Vegetable Oil:

Grade/Quality: Fortified Refined Vegetable Oil
Packing: 4-liter containers 6 containers, per carton
Quantity: 170 MT

4. SCF has requested "Best Used By Dates" or Date of Manufacture for all commodities as a requirement of National Board of Revenue, Government of Bangladesh.

5. SCF has requested delivery of all the commodities at the Chittagong port.

6. SCF and CARE/B have jointly carried out the Bellmon analysis (ref. C). The Bellmon analysis is based on the instructions provided in ref. D on the Bellmon certification requirements for P.L. 480 Title II activities. The proposed call forward level, 1,010 MT of bagged, HRW wheat; 170 MT of bagged yellow split peas; and 170 MT of 4-liter can vegetable will not result in a substantial disincentive to or interference with domestic production or marketing of the commodities in Bangladesh.

As to the storage and internal transportation of the Title II direct distribution commodities, SCF has submitted a commodity management plan for distribution of the Title II commodities for the MCHN program. The proposed SCF commodity management plan is acceptable to the Mission. Adequate storage is available for the receipt of the commodities during the propose delivery period.

The Bellmon analysis (ref. C) demonstrates that there is a large population in Bangladesh with inadequate access to food for consumption because of low incomes. The call forward Title II commodities will not compete with usual levels of commercial imports.

The Mission Director has determined that the shipment of 1,010 MT of bagged, HRW wheat; 170 MT of bagged, yellow split peas; and 170 MT of 4-liter can, vegetable oil for September/October 2005 in-country arrival is in compliance with the Bellmon requirements for P.L. 480 Title II activities.

[17](#). Mission requests DCHA/FFP approval of the full call forward level, to arrive in country in September/October 2005. Thomas